

## Holy Spirit Christian Nursery School Staff 2020-21

### Tadpoles and Pollywogs (3-Year-Old Classes)



**Mrs. Melissa Grochowski** – Mrs. Grochowski holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Kutztown University. She has experience working with children as a substitute teacher’s aide in the East Penn Schools and at the preschool. She also worked as caregiver in the church nursery at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirt and provided in-home child care. She is a former preschool parent and has been a member of our staff since 2014.



**Mrs. Melissa Simon** – Mrs. Simon is a graduate of Lehigh Carbon Community College. She worked for many years a Physical Therapist Assistant. She has been an active classroom volunteer and Cub Scout leader. Mrs. Simon has been part of our staff since 2018.

### Panda and Brown Bears (4-Year-Old Classes)



**Mrs. Tara Corrado** – Mrs. Corrado is a graduate of Adelphi University with a M.A. in Elementary Education. She was a literacy specialist in New York and previously taught kindergarten and preschool here in Pennsylvania. Tara loves art, photography, and nutrition. She is also a certified health coach. Mrs. Corrado returned to our staff in 2020 after taking time off to raise her children.



**Mrs. Danielle Reiser Scapellati** – Mrs. Rieser Scapellati is a graduate of Emmaus High School. She has previous coursework in the early childhood. She has worked as a nanny and provided in-home child care. She is a current preschool parent and joined the staff off Holy Spirit Christian Nursery School in 2020.

## **Polar Bear Class (5-Year-Old Class)**



**Mrs. Jennifer Powell** – Mrs. Powell is a graduate of Muhlenberg College and received her teaching certificate from Kutztown University. She previously taught ESL in the Allentown and Southern Lehigh School Districts. She is also a certified Adult and Children’s Yoga instructor. She is a former preschool parent and board member. She has been teaching the Polar Bear class since 2018.



**Mrs. Joyce Krystopowicz** – Mrs. Krystopowicz is a graduate of ST. Huberts High School. She has previous coursework in education. She has recently retired from a family owned business. She is a mother of two grown children and has seven grandchildren. She joined the preschool staff in 2020.

## **Nursery School Director**



**Mrs. Karin Kahler** - Mrs. Kahler has had the opportunity to be part of the nursery school for many years as she has served as the Director of Faith Formation Ministries of Children at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit since August, 2007. Prior to joining the church staff, Mrs. Kahler was a kindergarten and first grade teacher. She taught in the Governor Mifflin School District and Boyertown Area School District. Mrs. Kahler received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from Bloomsburg University and a Master’s in Education from Kutztown University. She has two children who attended Holy Spirit.

